



## **Ace in the Hole! Help Contents**

Ace in the Hole! is a solitaire card game that requires skill and speed.

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## **Dealing The Cards**

To deal the cards select New Game from the File menu and enter your name.

The cards are shuffled and placed in the stack ready for dealing.

Four empty columns are displayed together with an empty space for the discard pile.

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## **Playing the Game**

The main object of the game is to remove all the non-ace cards from the columns and to finish with four aces, one in each column.

The secondary object of the game is to accumulate as high a score as possible using a combination of speed and skill.

Points are scored by removing available cards from the columns. Cards may be removed if an uncovered card on a column is of a lesser value and of the same suit as an uncovered card on a different column.

Click on the card to be discarded to remove it.

Click on the stack pile to deal the next four cards onto the columns.

The game ends when the stack pile is empty and no cards can be removed from any of the columns.

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## **Configuring the Game**

Ace in the Hole! allows the player to configure the cards that can be moved into a empty column.

Separate high score tables are maintained for each of the game configurations.

To configure the game, choose the Card to Top option from the Configure menu. Select the desired game configuration.

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## Strategy and Hints



Speed is of the essence so select quickly.



Select the card to be moved to an empty column carefully, as a wrong choice can often cost the game.

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## Scoring

Card	Points Value
2 - 10	Face Value
Jack	11
Queen	12
King	13

The score is calculated as follows:

$$\text{GAME SCORE} = (\text{Points} / (\text{Penalty} + \text{Time})) + \text{Ace Bonus}$$

POINTS = The value of the cards removed from the columns multiplied by 1000.

ACE BONUS = 250 points bonus is gained for each Ace placed at the top of a column.

PENALTY = Face value of the cards remaining in the columns (excluding aces).

TIME = The time (in seconds) to complete the game.

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